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NOTES FROM WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORTS #12:

1. From Chief, Intelligence School: On 20 March Chief, IS returned to the office after two weeks' attendance at the Brookings Institute Course on Executive Leadership held at Williamsburg, Virginia.

2. From OTR Briefing Officer: On 20 March a briefing was conducted for Mr. Bernard A. Gufler, newly appointed Ambassador to Finland. Participating in the briefing were the Messrs. Dulles,

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During the past week efforts were made to clarify the situation surrounding the briefing of Ambassadors. Parallel channels had been set up in State and in CIA. Senior OCI analysts felt they were wasting their time under the new system of participating in an INR-sponsored "intelligence community" briefing. The CIA-sponsored briefing in turn was suffering from lack of OCI participation. For example, in recent ambassadorial briefings, important questions have been asked which could not be answered by DDP representatives. They were questions which any good OCI analyst could answer. Nor is it a reflection on the DDP that its representatives could not answer certain questions of a non-operational nature which they do not have the time or the need to concentrate on. Ambassadors still consider CIA an "across-the-board" substantive intelligence Agency, and the Agency does not look good when it cannot answer questions on such things as parliamentary party alignments. To air the problem, meetings were held with the DDS, the DTR, the DAD/OCI, a representative from the office of the Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State, and OCI analysts. Two memoranda were submitted to the DDS. The matter was discussed at a Deputy Directors' meeting, and it was decided that the Agency should continue to put on the kind of briefing that it had been putting on and that Mr. Amory would consult the appropriate official in State with a view to getting OCI "off the hook." Mr. Amory spoke to Mr. Hilsman and Mr. Hilsman has decided to drop the INR program which has caused so much confusion.

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On 15 March a briefing on CIA was given at the Military Assistance Institute for some 100 outgoing MAAG officers.

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On 16 March [redacted] gave a briefing on CIA at the US Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, for some 200 officers and staff members of the Army Officer Career Class.

A twenty-minute presentation on intelligence is being drafted for the use of Mr. Dulles, who will participate in the near future in an on-the-record discussion of intelligence and policy. The discussion is to take place before representatives of all mass media. Participating with Mr. Dulles will be Secretary Rusk and Secretary McNamara. The President will preside.

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